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COMMANDING GENERAL'S POLICY LETTER 4-99

From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command

Subj: RESPONSIBILITY OF MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS

1. Commanders at all levels are responsible for the actions of their recruiting force. Vehicle operators are directly responsible for proper operation, care, security, and compliance with all traffic laws and regulations pertaining to the parking of vehicles. The vehicle operator is personally responsible for all traffic fines imposed while on official business. Our goal is to eliminate any negative image and impact that could be associated with Marine Corps Recruiter parking violations.

2. Although traffic citations are written against an individual, parking citations are written on a vehicle. All vehicles leased or owned by the Marine Corps are identified by a vehicle identification number. Each of these vehicles is the responsibility of the unit assigned and ultimately the individual operator. Failure to resolve parking violations reflects poorly on the character of the individual and the entire chain of command.

3. The General Service Administration (GSA) continues to receive complaints from city officials and individual citizens concerning violations of local traffic laws and parking regulations. In a New York Times article dated February 3rd 1999, the Marine Corps Recruiter was identified as persistently parking illegally in handicap parking spaces, loading zones, and other reserved parking areas. City officials are taking action by towing and impounding government leased vehicles with unpaid parking citations. Additionally, recruiting facility lessors are denying renewal of leases and in some cases asking for the immediate removal of military recruiters from leased spaces due to the flagrant abuse of parking agreements written into leases.

4. The Recruiting Command does not have any agreement, written or implied, with any local law enforcement agency responsible for the compliance of parking laws or regulations. Commanders must inform all personnel of their responsibilities while operating GSA leased or Marine Corps owned vehicles.


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